

# CITY Visions

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## City Takes Quick Action To Address Water Contamination

**T**HE CITY of Morgan Hill provides domestic water to our customers that is safe and in compliance with all State of California laws and regulations. City water is tested regularly in accordance with the State's rigorous testing regimen.

In April of 2002, we learned that one of our wells had levels of perchlorate at 7 parts per billion - which was above the newly established perchlorate standard of 4 parts per billion. Upon learning about this contamination, we immediately closed the well and had an emergency supplementary well drilled to ensure that an ongoing, safe supply was available to our customers. In addition, in the last two months, the City has tested all of its operational wells and not detected any perchlorate. We will continue to closely monitor all wells as required by the State Department of Health Services.

The contamination was caused by the Olin Corporation which once manufactured fuses at a site at Railroad and Tenant Avenues. Olin has acknowledged their responsibility and will pay all costs attributable to their contamination - including the costs of drilling the supplementary well.

All water customers in Morgan Hill are mailed a water quality report each Spring. The 2002 report, which details the results of testing in 2001, was distributed with the June, 2002 City Visions. We would be happy to provide a second copy to anyone requesting one. It is available online at the

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## State of the City Address

**M**AYOR DENNIS Kennedy will give the annual State of the City address on February 12th at 7 pm at the Community and Cultural Center.

Come learn about the exciting projects planned for the coming months and the City's long-term financial forecast. Light refreshments will be served.

# New Energy-saving Traffic Signals Add to Safety and Driving Convenience

**O**NE NEW traffic signal, one upgraded signal, and one modified signal - all operating at high energy efficiency - will help make for smoother traffic flow at three major Morgan Hill intersections.

As Morgan Hill grows, our engineering and planning staff are continually evaluating traffic patterns and instituting new measures to ensure that traffic flows as smoothly and safely as possible. CalTrans criteria and standards, that take into account such factors as delays at intersections, accident history, and traffic volumes, determine how and when intersections require traffic signals. Here is more information about the work scheduled for this fiscal year:


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# Recreation and Community Services Has Moved

**W**ITH THE opening of the Community and Cultural Center, the City's Recreation and Community Services staff now have offices in the Center.

Please go to the Center for class registration, park reservation, and special event permitting information. These services are no longer available at City Hall. Their new phone number is 782-0008 and their fax number is 779-5450. 


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City's Web Site at [www.morgan-hill.ca.gov](http://www.morgan-hill.ca.gov).

For more detailed information on City water quality, please call the Public Works Department at 776-7337.

*Special Information for Residents* in the Unincorporated Areas South of Morgan Hill: Further testing has uncovered the presence of perchlorate in private water wells located up to four miles south of Morgan Hill. While this does not affect the drinking water delivered by the City of Morgan Hill, it does affect the water of many of our neighbors to the south.

Those interested in getting their water tested, or in getting more information about perchlorate, should call the Santa Clara Valley Water District at 265-2600 or visit [www.valleywater.org](http://www.valleywater.org). 

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# Downtown Morgan Hill – Main Street Again

**A****FTER ALMOST** 10 years, the Main Street Program has been revived in downtown Morgan Hill. In recent years downtown businesses, property owners, residents, the Chamber of Commerce, and the City saw the need to establish an organization committed solely to the downtown.


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**Modified Signal.** Work on the signal at East Dunne Avenue and Condit Road will bring more maneuverability to the intersection by relocating the “islandized” signals back behind the curb returns. This will also allow U-turn movements, which will be an added convenience not currently available.

**Upgraded Signal.** The flashing red light at East Dunne Avenue and Hill Road - a measure that worked adequately for the interim period - will be replaced by a fully signalized, traffic-actuated signal. The “on-demand” electromagnetic field will also work for bicycles.

**New Signal.** A signal at Diana Avenue and Butterfield Boulevard will benefit residents by providing safer in-and-out access. Additionally, it will serve the new courthouse project planned at the northwest corner of Butterfield and Diana.

All the lights will be of the LED (light emitting diode) type. By eliminating the use of incandescent bulbs, the electrical power use (and therefore, the cost) of this light decreases significantly. According to traffic engineer Scott Creer, the electricity use could be decreased by as much as 50 to 70 percent. 


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The Redevelopment Agency agreed to provide seed money to jump-start the effort and the Morgan Hill Downtown Association (MHDA) was formed. Dan Craig, a Main Street consultant from Hollister,, was hired by MHDA in May to rebuild and organize the program based on the Main Street Program's Four Point Approach to downtown revitalization.

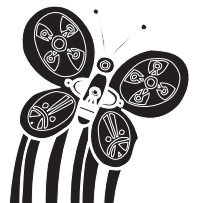


*A view of Downtown Morgan Hill's Granada Theater. Poster Design by Kailyn Hasbrouck, first place 9-12 winner in the 2002 City of Morgan Hill annual poster design contest. The 2002 theme was "Beautiful Morgan Hill."*

The program, which is structured around four standing committees - design, economic restructuring, organization and promotion - is a comprehensive approach to a downtown organization that encourages community participation. Interested parties, both in and outside of downtown, are invited to get involved.

For further information about the MHDA and membership information, contact Dan Craig at 779-3190. 

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# MORGAN HILL COMMUNITY GUIDE

## CHANNEL 17 PROGRAMMING

### CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS

REGULAR SESSION:	2/5	7PM LIVE
	2/6	NOON REPLAY
	2/8	8PM REPLAY
	2/9	NOON REPLAY
REGULAR SESSION:	2/19	7PM LIVE
	2/20	NOON REPLAY
	2/22	8PM REPLAY
	2/23	NOON REPLAY
REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY SESSION	2/26	7PM LIVE
	2/27	NOON REPLAY
	3/1	8PM REPLAY
	3/2	NOON REPLAY

### PLANNING COMMISSION MEETINGS

REGULAR SESSION:	2/11	7PM LIVE
	2/12	NOON REPLAY
	2/15	NOON REPLAY
	2/16	8PM REPLAY
REGULAR SESSION:	2/25	7PM LIVE
	2/26	NOON REPLAY
	3/1	NOON REPLAY
	3/2	8PM REPLAY

THE RECYCLE HOUR FOR KIDS & ADULTS 9:30AM & 4:30PM DAILY  
7PM FRIDAY

FUGITIVE WATCH: 10:30AM & 5:30PM DAILY  
SANTA CLARA COUNTY'S MOST WANTED 8:00PM FRIDAY

### CITY ELECTED OFFICIALS

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Councilmember <b>Steve Tate</b>	779-6992
City Clerk <b>Irma Torrez</b>	779-7259
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Council Services and Records Manager <b>Irma Torrez</b>
Finance Director <b>Jack Dilles</b>
Human Resources Director <b>Mary Kaye Fisher</b>
Police Chief <b>Gerald T. Galvin</b>
Public Works Director <b>Jim Ashcraft</b>
Recreation and Community Services Manager <b>Julie Spier</b>

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City Manager	779-7271
Community & Cultural Center	782-0008
Environmental Programs	779-7247
Finance	779-7237
Fire Department (County Fire)	378-4010
Job Hotline	779-7276
Planning: Land Use / Zoning	779-7247
Police Administration	776-7315
Public Works	776-7337
Recreation & Community Services	782-0008
Water	779-7221
Volunteer Programs	779-7278
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## COMMUNITY EVENTS CALENDAR

### STATE OF THE CITY • FEBRUARY 12TH

State of the City address by Mayor Dennis Kennedy.  
Held at the Community and Cultural Center, 7PM.

### PRESIDENTS DAY • FEBRUARY 17TH

City offices closed. Regular recycling and  
garbage service.

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